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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0162

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MT

SUSBSBJ: CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

REF: VALLETTA 0128

1. ON HIS RETURN FROM COUNCIL OF EUROPE JAN 26, NATIONALIST PARTY SEC GEN DEMARCO TOLD PRESS THAT NORWEGIAN M.P. SVEN STRAY HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE HIS MOTION CALLING ON GOM TO CONSTITUTE THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT (REFTEL) AND TO REPORT TO THE LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. HE SAID COMMITTEE MET TO HEAR THE MOTION ON JAN 22. BUT ALTHOUGH INFORMED OF THE MEETING, GOM HAD FAILED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OR SUBMIT ITS VIEWS.

2. INSTEAD, ACCORDING TO DEMARCO, JUSTICEMIN BUTTIGIEG HAD SENT LETTER TO THE COUNCIL STATING THAT GOM  
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HOLDS THE COUNCIL IN HIGH ESTEEM, ASSERTING THAT IT COULD

NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE AS HOLIDAY RECESSES OVER AND  
OPPOSITION REFUSED TO AGREE IN WRITING TO PAIR WITH  
LABOR M.P.S, AND REQUESTING THAT "THE COMMITTEE WILL  
NOT DEAL WITH MOTION IN OUR ABSENCE."

3. DMARCO NOTED THAT NO PARTY HAD EVER AGREED TO PAIR  
(25 NATIONALISTS, 4 CHRISTIAN WORKERS, 4 DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONALISTS, AND 1 PROGRESSIVE CONS\*TTUTIONAL) AHD  
APPROVED THE CONSTITUTION IN 1964.GETZ

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